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Kamiah forester recognized as Idaho Department of Lands employee of the year

(KAMIAH) – Patrick Hagen, a senior forester for the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) Maggie Creek Supervisory Area based in Kamiah, was selected from hundreds of employees as the agency's 2016 employee of the year.

Hagen received the recognition at a meeting of the State Board of Land Commissioners (Land Board) in Boise today.

Hagen led a team of foresters in the planning, preparation, and auction of fire-damaged timber that burned in the area's extensive wildfires of 2015. He led multiple meetings with stakeholders to receive feedback on the agency's fire salvage sale plan. As a result, Hagen's team sold 60 million board feet of timber from endowment lands that burned in the 2015 fires. All of the timber has been harvested and most of the land already is prepared to be replanted in 2017 and 2018.

Hagen took on additional leadership roles in 2016, including a six-week stint as an acting area manager and completion of the 18-month IDL Leadership Development Program.

Hagen also was recognized for achievements outside of his regular duties as a forester, particularly in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), grazing, and fire.

"Patrick is a productive, ambitious and dedicated employee. He completes his regular work exceptionally well and takes on many projects beyond what is required," Maggie Creek Supervisory Area Manager Zoanne Anderson said. "Patrick's contributions benefit our community and state, and we are thankful for his service to IDL."

"It's gratifying for me to work with so many others at IDL who are also passionate about managing the land," Hagen said. "I want to thank my IDL co-workers for their support and to the agency for providing so many opportunities for me to learn and grow in my job."

The IDL annually names an employee of the year to recognize outstanding contributions toward achieving the agency's mission and continuous service to the citizens of Idaho. To be considered, an employee must demonstrate service and job performance that go beyond the normal expectations of an employee's position. The employee of the year is recognized for achievements and performance that embody the agency's organizational values of stewardship, service, accountability and cohesiveness.

The Land Board is comprised of Idaho's governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state controller, and superintendent of public instruction. Under the direction of the Land Board, IDL manages more than 2.4 million acres of endowment land in Idaho, including approximately 105,000 acres in the Maggie Creek Supervisory Area. Use of endowment lands generates money to help fund Idaho's public school system and other State of Idaho institutions.

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